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FOR: ROBERT SCHONING

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SUBJECT: 1978 SABLEFISH QUOTA

1. GOJ HAVING DIFFICULTY IN RESOLVING APPARENT CONFLICT CONCERNING SABLEFISH QUOTA LISTED IN DAVE WALLACE LETTER OF JAN. 6, 1978 TO MR. YAMAGISHI AND THAT LISTED IN SECTION 611.94(B) OF NOV. 28 FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS.

2. PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF LETTER ARE "YOU ALSO ASKED WHETHER SOME ADJUSTMENT COULD BE MADE IN JAPAN'S GULF OF ALASKA SABLEFISH ALLOCATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE DIRECTED FISHERY TO TAKE MORE OF THE ALLOCATION THAN 5,790 MT (6,950 MT MINUS 1,260 MT OR 1.5 PERCENT OF THE JAPANESE TRAWL ALLOCATION).
IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, LET ME POINT OUT THAT WHILE THE FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS LIMIT THE INCIDENTAL SABLEFISH CATCH TO 1.5 PERCENT OF THE TRAWL CATCH, THE REGULATIONS DO NOT REQUIRE THAT 1.5 PERCENT OF JAPAN'S TRAWL FISHERY BE SABLEFISH. RATHER, THE INCIDENTAL TAKE OF SABLEFISH IN JAPAN'S TRAWL FISHERY CANNOT EXCEED 1.5 PERCENT (1,260 MT). IN OTHER WORDS, IF JAPAN'S TRAWL FISHERY IN THE GULF OF ALASKA CAN REDUCE ITS INCIDENTAL TAKE OF SABLEFISH BELOW 1,260 MT, JAPAN'S DIRECTED FISHERY CAN INCREASE
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ITS TAKE BEYOND 5,790 MT BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THAT PORTION OF THE 1.5 PERCENT WHICH IS NOT TAKEN IN THE TRAWL FISHERY."

3. GOJ RESPONSE IS THAT "1.5 PERCENT OF THE TRAWL ALLOCATION TO JAPAN FOR OTHER GROUNDFISH IS CALCULATED TO BE 938 MT INSTEAD OF 1,260 MT AS APPEARED IN THE LETTER, EMPLOYING THE SAME CALCULATION METHOD AS USED IN REACHING 3,200 MT FOR A TALFF AS

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INCIDENTAL TAKE IN THE TRAWL FISHERY IN THE GULF. THEREFORE,
5,790 MT FOR JAPAN'S DIRECTED FISHERY AS APPEARED IN THE LETTER
SHOULD BE REPLACED BY 6,012 MT (6,950 MT MINUS 938 MT)."

4. JAPAN'S DIRECTED FISHERY OF 6,012 MT (ASSUMING ABOVE CORRECT)
IS GREATER THAN THE TALFF OF 4,800 MT LISTED IN 611.94(B) OF
REGULATIONS. PLEASE CLARIFY.
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